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Fiscal Note

SF 351 - Voter Verified Audit Trail (LSB 2981 SV.1)

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Description

Senate File 351 rewrites the Code of Iowa Section relating to requirements for voting machines used in the State. The Bill requires that direct recording electronic voting machines used in the State produce paper records to be verified by voters, before the ballot is cast.

Assumptions

The Secretary of State is required to certify all voting machines used in the 99 Iowa counties. The Bill provides that only machines capable of producing paper copies will be certified. The counties will be required to purchase the certified machines.

Fiscal Impact

There is no fiscal impact to the State for SF 351. There will be an impact to local governments. The estimated costs associated with adding the capability to produce paper copies to a machine not already capable of producing a paper copy will range from \$350.00 to \$700.00 each. The number of voting machines affected by this change and the number of vendors willing to adapt to this requirement is not known.

Source

Secretary of State

/s/ Holly M. Lyons

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The fiscal note and correctional impact statement for this bill was prepared pursuant to Joint Rule 17 and pursuant to Section 2.56, Code of Iowa. Data used in developing this fiscal note and correctional impact statement are available from the Fiscal Services Division, Legislative Services Agency to members of the Legislature upon request.
